

Project Schedule - Washington Hydroelectric Dams

Revised July 5, 2018

Goal and Scope:

- Issue the following permits and have them effective by December 31, 2018.

Permit ID #	Facility Name	Responsible Agency	Receiving Water/River Mile
WA0026867	Coulee Dam Electric Facility	BOR	Columbia River
WA0026794	Lower Granite Dam and Locks	USACE, Walla Walla	Snake River
WA0026786	Little Goose Lock and Dam	USACE, Walla Walla	Snake River
WA0026808	Lower Monumental Lock and Dam	USACE, Walla Walla	Snake River
WA0026816	Ice Harbor Lock and Dam	USACE, Walla Walla	Snake River
WA0026824	McNary Lock and Dam	USACE, Walla Walla	Columbia River
WA 0026832	John Day Project	USACE, Portland	Columbia River
WA0026701	The Dalles Lock and Dam	USACE, Portland	Columbia River
WA0026778	Bonneville Project	USACE, Portland	Columbia River

The first permits to complete will be the Bonneville, John Day, and McNary dams, which have few outfalls in Washington (most outfalls are in Oregon). The second group will be the Dalles, Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose, and Lower Granite dams which are likely to have similar operations and species for ESA. The last one will be the Coulee Dam.

Tasks and Timelines:

Task 1. RW background materials (Week of July 2)		
Sub-Tasks	Status	Notes
RW ID GP fact sheet, draft permit, 401 cert, BE, Ecology 401 cert guidance, lawsuits.	Rw ed everything except BE and Ecology 401 cert guidance.	
RW permit applications.	Rcv ed from Dru	
RW maps.	Done	
Task 2. Work with Dru to prioritize permit completion order. (Week of July 2)		
Sub-Tasks	Status	Notes
Group according to outfall types, pollutants of concern, species in receiving water	Discussed.	
Task 3. Contact external and internal affected parties. (Week of July 9)		
Sub-Tasks	Status	Notes

Coordinate with Mike and Susan, Dru	Working with Dru on messaging; Ongoing	"Early and often;" Discrete, minimal discharge; doesn't have to do with impacts to fisheries and migration blockage/temp issues;
Services – (NOAA and USFWS)	Talk with John and Mike	Interrelated and interdependent covered by FCRP(?) and already received concurrence from services on Idaho GP for other parts of permit(?)
ACE (Don Redman, Walla Walla; Ken Duncan, Portland)	Work with Dru to set up.	Normal coordination
Tribes (Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, check others)	Check maps and talk with tribal coordinators.	Normal coordination
BOR (get contact from Dru)		Normal coordination
Ecology for 401 cert (need contact)		Discuss how Ecology's 401 cert guidance is included in permit. Timeline
ODEQ (Beth Moore)		Bonneville, John Day, and McNary Oregon outfalls
Mary Lou and Laurie		FYI as it comes up in meetings
EPA HQ (Marcus Zobrist, Sean Ramach)		316(b) intake
EPA Oil Spills (Richard Franklin, OOO)		Re: near explosion of turbine at the Dalles(?)

Task 4: Work with all groups to finetune process and deadlines for completing external review processes. These include sharing information, discussing how they would like to be included in decisions, elevation by management re: review, etc (Week of July 9 - August 8)

Sub-Tasks	Status	Notes
Task 5. Draft permits, including keeping external stakeholders in the loop as needed and contacting groups. Start Biological Evaluation. Set up weekly meetings starting August 4 with external stakeholders. (Weeks of July 9-August 15)		
Sub-Tasks	Status	Notes
Ask Susan about 1 fact sheet.		
Is ESA covered under FCRP? ask John.		explore whether 7d is a possibility.
BE		will need to develop; interrelated and interdependent issues - work with John on getting a good contact (Richie Graves?) - piece together rationale

Task 6. Internal review of pre-draft permit for Ecology (August 15 - August 24)

Sub-Tasks	Status	Notes
Track changes in pre-draft fact sheet and permits compared with Dru's ID GP permit to ease review for Susan and Courtney.		
Task 7. Complete BE rationale. Ask Ecology for draft 401 certification (August 27)		
Task 8. Address comments, wrap up loose ends, and go out for 30-day public comment. (Week of September 17)		
Task 9. Public Comment ends October 17. Do response to comments, and make changes to permit while coordinating with all external agencies. Includes internal EPA review, week of December 3. (October 19 - November 7)		

0. Request final 401 cert from Ecology by November 7.
1. Issue permit by November 30, 2018.
2. Effective date by December 31, 2018.